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SMALL BUSINESS FOR A HIGH COURT.

For some years past the most dignified tribunal in this Territory, the United States Court, has been compelled to hear cases which, in States, are brought only in police courts and are quite nasty enough for the worst of them. If these cases were few and of any consequence to the public they would, perhaps, have been excusable; but they are many and of little public concern—so many that they have left the impression on the popular mind that the chief business of the Federal bench is to hear them. From time to time a few trust and admiralty and counterfeiting cases have been presented by the United States District Attorney; but there are very few working days indeed in which the Federal courtroom or the hallway to it, is not infested with ignorant and squalid Japanese, waiting their turn to be tried at that high tribunal and wondering what the trouble is all about. Few of them seem to know that they have committed crimes. All they are sure of is that they have been pursued relentlessly by spies and so-called detectives and betrayed by informers for following the customs of their class and that of many other classes that seem to be immune from punishment. Observing this a good deal of sympathy has been expressed for them—and quite as much for the distinguished judge who has been forced to listen to the story of their squalid immoralities and to execute the law against them, his time being so absorbed in this police court work that Congress has been asked to create another Federal judgeship to help bring the calendar up to date.

The sober facts seem to be that the United States District Attorney suffers from a case of over-zeal in such small matters. There is enough Territorial law to cover these Japanese cases; the Federal law was not intended to apply here, being made general so as to secure some special results in the former Territory of Utah. One finds it hard to get at a reason for the policy Mr. Breckons follows. Even if the rumor is true that the District Attorney is a candidate for the second judgeship, to create which the congestion of the docket of the existing court is the excuse, it does not necessarily follow that all the minor Edmunds Act prosecution has its root in his personal ambition. It may simply be that it is less trouble to pursue the little fellows than the big ones. Or the District Attorney may be a Puritan at heart. But whatever the excuse, this long procession of Japanese coolies through the Federal court, dragging the record of their cheap immoralities behind them, has become offensive to the public and derogatory to the high functions of the United States bench. We do not claim that the District Attorney should neglect the enforcement of any Federal law, but he might well wait until special and legitimate complaints are made in these Japanese cases and stop having them worked up. Let the Territorial police courts and the county prosecutors attend to all that—it is their business also—and leave the Federal court free to consider those cases of general importance which are crowded back by the vulgar concerns of gutter drabs or the ignorant vice of the squalid aliens who were reared in a state of nature and know no better condition of life.

THE CUBAN SUGAR CROPS, 1904-1907.

A report on the sugar industry in Cuba for the years 1905-6 and 1906-7 has recently been published by the Statistical Division of the Cuban Treasury Department (Secretaria de Hacienda). In view of the interest manifested in Cuban matters in general and especially in its main industry, statistical tables have been prepared from the report, with the purpose of showing the development of the Cuban sugar industry during the year 1907:

Number of sugar plantations	186
Area, acres	844,769
Quantity of cane ground, long tons	14,214,946
Cane ground per acre, long tons	16,827
Sugar produced, long tons	1,444,310
Sugar produced per ton of cane, pounds	228
Sugar produced per acre, pounds	3,830
Per cent. of yield of cane ground	10.16
Average price per pound in Habana—	
Centrifugal, cents	2.04
Muscovado, cents	1.32
Total value of sugar produced, dollars	72,134,999
Molasses—	
Quantity produced, gallons	46,745,650
Quantity produced per ton of cane, gallons	3.29
Value, dollars	1,304,653
Spirits and rum produced—	
On plantations, gallons	1,853,648
In distilleries, gallons	4,952,685
Quantity of spirits and rum per ton of cane, gallons48
Value of spirits and rum, dollars	1,380,875
Alcohol produced—	
On sugar plantations, gallons	400,120
In distilleries, gallons	2,554,689
Quantity of alcohol per ton of cane, gallons21
Total value of alcohol, dollars	599,475

Exact data of acreage being lacking, the area devoted to sugar cane is estimated on the basis of an estimated average yield of 1,250,000 pounds of cane to each 33.16 acres, or 16,827 long tons to the acre. In 1899, the year of the Cuban census, the sugar cane area was 424,000 acres, or about half the estimated area in 1907. Comparing the production of cane and sugar in 1903 with that of 1905 and 1907, the production of cane increased 10 and 35 per cent., respectively, while the output of sugar increased 18 and 44 per cent., owing to a greater sugar yield per ton of cane, the increase in 1905 being 15 pounds per ton of cane and 14 pounds in 1907.

Greater still was the increase in the value of the product. The sugar crops of 1905 and 1907, computed at export prices, have a value of nearly \$79,000,000 for the year 1905 and of over \$72,000,000 in 1907, an advance of 84 and 68 per cent., respectively, over the value of the crop of 1903.

A considerable increase occurred in the production of the by-products, molasses, rum, spirits, and alcohol, with a corresponding increase of value for all of these items excepting molasses.

The tone of the Japanese agitators has suddenly grown moderate, which is well. What they call the "Advertiser bluff," seems to have had its effect; and we can assure these gentry that a study of the Chicago anarchist cases and a review of the methods by which the Ku Klux Klan was punished, with incidental reference to the eviction from this place of a Portuguese terrorist, will, or ought to, convince them that they have incurred real danger. We say in all seriousness that if any "iron hammers" come into play in this wage discussion, the law will intervene with far more formidable weapons. There will be no bluffing on that point, nor is there any in saying so.

The differences reported to exist between the President and Frank H. Hitchcock, Chairman of the National Republican Executive Committee, over the Fulton (Rep.) and Chamberlain (Dem.) contest for the United States Senate, in Oregon, serve to illustrate the influence of Henry at the White House. He stumped Oregon, last summer, against Fulton, charging him with having criminal knowledge of land frauds.

If there is really a chance to get a duty on coffee, much of the credit of persuading Congress will go to that indefatigable pleader, Abe Louissou. He converted some visiting Congressmen here, and at Washington he seems to have hypnotized the Senators and Representatives in blocks of ten.

Admiral Rojestvensky is really dead now and his recent obituaries may be printed over again. The Admiral was the most unlucky naval man of the twentieth century. Indeed, in no century has the name of a sea-fighter been associated with a more overwhelming defeat.

Judge Kepoikai has been summoned to resign his office, but in a wireless message yesterday, he denied that he had obeyed the order. Probably he will do so after he has caught his breath; if not he will have to submit to removal.

The public hopes that Lincoln's hundredth birthday will have an impressive recognition here. There are troops enough to make a fine parade; and there is talent enough to make the exercises in the Capitol grounds noteworthy.

Kalua to Kepoikai—Shake!

WAIHEA BREAKWATER WILL BE EXTENDED

Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell is going ahead with the preparation for the extension of Waimea breakwater, and this morning advertisements will be out calling for bids on the work. This extension has been in contemplation for some time past by the department, but has been somewhat held back by the lack of necessary funds to complete the work. Campbell has looked into the proposition personally within the past few months. The work there will call for an expenditure of about \$30,000, while the Department of Public Works has only \$12,000 at the present time. The Legislature will be asked to make up the deficiency at the coming session, and the request will probably be granted. In the meantime, the work will be carried as far forward as possible with the money at hand.

THINGS THE SKIPPERS WANT

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noon. At the same meeting the committee on harbors, shipping and transportation presented a lengthy report on their work in connection with the question of the removal of the marine railway, in this harbor. Accompanying the report, which was adopted, was a communication on the subject from the Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Campbell reviewed the history of the marine railway and said, in conclusion: "This department would not consider the removal of the marine railway until such time as other means of docking vessels are provided. Under the lease made by Honorable James A. King to Sorenson & Lyle, the Territory of Hawaii has the right to terminate said lease upon giving twelve months' notice and reimbursing the lessees with the appraised valuation of the additions actually made under the terms set forth in the application of the lessees dated September 27, 1897, which in no case was to exceed \$12,000. Consequently, after the construction of the necessary facilities for taking care of the shipping interests of the port of Honolulu, the marine railway can, as above provided, be removed."

In view of this the committee stated that it did not favor making any radical recommendations in the matter.

Ask for Further Improvements.

With the report, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Chamber hereby expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the proper authorities for the excellent work that has thus far been done in carrying out the general project for the improvement of Honolulu harbor, as specifically adopted by the River and Harbor Act of March 2, 1907, whereby the harbor and the entrance thereto have been deepened and widened, and the dangerous lighthouse point removed, thereby greatly facilitating the safe handling of vessels at this port; and be it further

"Resolved, That we do hereby endorse the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers at Washington for an appropriation of \$500,000 from the Congress now in session for carrying on the work of further improvement on the northwest side of this harbor during the biennial period ending July 1, 1910, and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable J. Kalaniana'ole, Delegate to Congress, with request that he use his best efforts to secure such appropriation."

CAMOEES CIRCLE NEW OFFICERS.

Camoees Circle, number 240, installed its new officers last night for the ensuing term. These are: Mrs. H. Pery, J. P. C. C.; Mrs. H. Pereira, C. C.; Miss Mary Medeiros, Sub C. C.; G. Silva, treasurer; S. Perry, financial secretary; M. Cheatham, recording secretary; Mrs. May Otto, right guide; Mrs. May Fernandez, left guide; W. Marshall, inner guard; M. D. Freitas, outer guard; Miss Chilton organist; Dr. Mackall, physician, and J. P. Rego, M. C. Pacheco and H. H. Williams, trustees.

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